

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2013**

7:15 PM

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:15PM.

Flag Salute, Silent Prayer

Sunshine Law: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was sent to *The Record* and the *Ridgewood News*, posted on the Borough website and filed with the Borough of Dumont.

Roll Call:

Council members: Brophy, Carrick, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-present
Mayor Kelly-present

Motion to accept agenda as presented: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Proclamation presented by Mayor Kelly to the Dumont Boys Travel Basketball Team

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the August 20, 2013 Executive and Public minutes: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Brophy

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes
Councilman Carrick-abstained

Motion to approve the September 3, 2013 Executive and Closed Sessions: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Council members: Brophy, Carrick, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Administrator's Report

The new drop-off zones at the High School worked out well. The concrete work was done on New Milford Avenue. The Board of Education is very pleased.

The West Shore project, which was spearheaded by the Shade Tree Commission, is almost completed. The dedication is scheduled for September 22nd at 6PM.

The shredding program took place on Saturday. We will receive credit for the tonnage.

A FEMA meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 22nd. Representatives will answer questions the residents may have regarding flood insurance.

Mr. Perkins thanked everyone who participated in the 9/11 Memorial Service. Dumont Florist donated half the cost of the carnations for residents to place at the monument. Anthony Schiraldi provided the music.

Council Committee Reports

- Councilman Brophy

Shade Tree Commission

The dedication of the arboretum and gazebo at West Shore is scheduled for September 22nd. All are welcome to attend.

All of the Commissioners are taking courses so that they will be up to date with their certifications.

Finance

The Councilman thanked CFO Giotis for providing budget information and would like the finance committee to meet soon.

- Councilman Carrick

Police

In August there were 1669 calls for service.

The Patrol Division issued 164 motor vehicle summons, had 29 calls for assistance, served 5 ATS/Bench warrants and traveled 13,312 miles within the borough.

The Detective Bureau investigated 16 domestic violence cases, made 2 disorderly persons arrests and 3 criminal arrests and conducted 10 background checks for firearms.

The Police Department ran the entire month with six members out of work on workers compensation or being sick or injured. This shortage created overtime to cover patrol.

- Councilman Hayes

Joint Land Use Board

They plan to meet next week.

Ethics Board

No meeting this month

Rent Leveling Board

No meeting this month

- Councilman Riquelme

DPW

In August there were 16 sewer jobs and 445 total miles swept. A total of 77 potholes were repaired. Police vehicles were serviced

- Councilman Stylianou

5K Run

It took place August 31st at Dumont High School. There was a huge turnout-approximately seven hundred participants. He thanked the members of the Committee who went above and beyond: Council members Zamechansky and Riquelme, Frank Krajcik, Barbara Correa and John Bennett. A lot of money was raised to help four families in need; the primary recipient being Eric Vanvalen.

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

Board of Health

There was a meeting last week. The Borough administrator was present to discuss various contract questions and responsibilities of the Board.

Environmental Commission

They are discussing ways to get their message out.

Seniors

The Councilwoman helped out at the Senior Center. They had speakers who talked about issues concerning the seniors. Brite Pharmacy did blood pressure and blood screening.

Recreation

They are getting permits out for the upcoming season. There were a few extra meetings in August to take care of a few outstanding issues.

Councilwoman Zamechansky met with Mr. Triggiano and Mr. Nese to discuss the use of the hut at the high school by football. They are very supportive of the town recreation programs.

Fire Department

There were 26 alarms and 907 man hours in August.

5K Run

The Councilwoman and Councilman Riquelme started distribution of the money. Besides the Vanvalen family, the money is going to a single woman with breast cancer, a single mother battling pancreatic cancer and a family who recently lost their child. They all were very grateful.

Dumont Day

She thanked Councilman Riquelme, Bill Bowen, Sue Connelly, Fire, Police, Ambulance, DPW and all who participated. She has already begun to deal with next year's Dumont Day. Someone had approached her suggesting she have a committee. She constantly asks for volunteers. She thanked Council members Brophy and Hayes who helped out at the Celebrations table. The Celebrations Committee raised \$900, which helps to offset the Celebrations budget. Mariners Bank again sponsored the concert, which cost \$7,000 this year. The Elks contributed \$1,000 toward the rides.

Mayor's Report

No report

Review of Consent Agenda Items: All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

RESOLUTIONS

#13-176 Bills List *

#13-177 Endorsement of Vantage Health Community Development Project *

#13-178 Approval of Dumont Fire Co. #2 Boot Drive September 28, 2013 *

#13-179 Approval of Camp Acorn Calendar Raffle Application to be held January 1-June 30, 2014; ID #373-4-35885, RL#393 *

#13-180 Approval of the 2012 Audit Corrective Action Plan *

#13-181 Authorization of Award of Bid-DPW Wheel Loader-\$152,612 *

#13-182 Authorization of Award of Bid-DPW Dump Truck-\$182,700 *

#13-183 Authorization of Execution of 2012 Historic Preservation Trust Fund Grant Agreement for Window and Exterior Restoration Phase 2 of Dixon Homestead Library-\$87,400 matching *

#13-184 Approval of Patrick Hendrick to Fill Vacancy on the Ethics Board *

#13-185 Resignation of Police Reserves Daniel Hargrave and Joseph Villone *

#13-186 Resolution Opposing United Water Increase *

#13-187 Capital Budget Amendment-Library and Various Storm Sewer Improvement Phase II *

#13-188 Armen Zorzopian-Hire as DPW Seasonal Employee-\$10.00 per hour *

#13-189 Limo Chief, LLC-Approval of Limousine License *

There were no comments from the Council.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

1. Barbara Correa, 240 Larch Avenue, asked the life span on items in #181 and #182.

Motion to close: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Motion to adopt the Consent Agenda items: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Brophy

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

ORDINANCES

Second Reading

#1455 Ordinance Amending Shade Tree Chapter 344-of the Borough Code- Requirement of Permits

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Councilman Hayes is opposed to the language “any tree” and the \$25 fee in the ordinance. It is an infringement. He would also like a change in the format for the policy distinguishing between a borough tree and a private tree.

Mayor Kelly explained that the wording is being changed to state one fee per permit.

There were no other comments from the Council.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Motion to close: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes
Councilman Hayes- no

#1463 An Ordinance Amending Chapter 283, Article 3 of Borough of Dumont Code-Lightning Detection. This ordinance was removed for further discussion in order to fine-tune it.

First Reading

#1465 Bond Ordinance providing for the window and exterior restoration (phase 2) of Dixon Homestead Library, by and in the Borough of Dumont, in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey; appropriating \$185,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$176,000 bonds or notes of the borough to finance part of the cost thereof

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Councilman Hayes commented that this project is well worth it.

Motion to pass on first reading: Councilman Hayes

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

#1466 Bond Ordinance amending and supplementing bond ordinance number 1375 finally adopted on February 17, 2009 as supplemented by bond ordinance number 1407 finally adopted on September 21, 2010, to increase the appropriation therein to \$4,705,000 and to increase the authorization of bonds or notes of the borough to \$4,680,000 to finance part of the cost thereof

Motion to waive formal reading: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Councilman Hayes requested more information on the costs of this project and asked if the project is complete and whether this money is for work already done. Mr. Perkins said the project is essentially finished and that part of the additional cost was due to an unexpected cost of \$148,000 for easements. The requested supplemental money is a result of a closeout meeting with Mr. Helfrich from the DEP. This is the last bill we'll receive.

The change orders were approved all along by the Council. Documentation will be provided to the Mayor and Council. The Mayor and Councilman Hayes would like to meet with T&M.

Councilman Carrick requested a breakdown and change orders of additional costs. He asked if PSE&G has reimbursed the town for the rerouting of the gas line at Larch Avenue. Mr. Perkins will follow up on it.

Motion to table this ordinance until more information is provided: Councilman Hayes

Second: Councilman Carrick

All in favor.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

1. Richard McLaughlin, 358 Prospect, thanked the Council for doing a good job on the projects. He said that the W. Shore project is beautiful but it is difficult for people to get to the sidewalk. He feels this could be rectified at very little cost; perhaps stepping stones.
2. Ray Slaman, 67 Sherwood Road replied that the Shade Tree Commission will look at how the gazebo and walkway are used. They will look at recommendations.
3. Kai Chen, 90 Teak Road, asked about the 65' poles being installed by PSE&G without requesting authorization from the towns. The Borough had passed a resolution endorsing their plans, which he feels they may use for leverage.

Mr. Paster responded that the utility owns the easement so there is not a lot the town can do. The second point is that he had requested in July that the Governing Body address one of the questions on the 2013-2014 State Best Practices questionnaire regarding employees using borough vehicles. He is disappointed. Mr. Perkins responded that there are four people in the Borough who utilize their vehicles: the Police Chief, the DPW Superintendent and the Fire Chiefs. They all live in the Borough. In his opinion to mandate documentation for the use of a vehicle going from Borough Hall to Virginia Avenue or to Sunnyside or E. Linden is ludicrous. This was not the intent of the Best Practices question. There are certain towns which have vehicles going from here to Trenton on a daily basis. Another issue is safety. If those employees would have to come from home to Borough Hall to pick up their vehicle in order to respond to an emergency it would start a bureaucracy just to answer yes when we qualify for 100% percent state aid.

Mr. Chen asked if the Borough intends to appeal to the DCA. Mr. Perkins responded no.

4. Sal Maurice, 25 Druid Avenue, invited the Governing Body to his son's Eagle ceremony this Sunday. His son received an award from the County.

Motion to close: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution to enter closed session for Personnel-Police promotions and Contract Negotiations-proposed property lease

Motion: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Brophy

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Motion to go back into public following closed session: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Hayes

All in favor.

Resolution #13-190-Police Promotions

Mr. Paster stated that the resolution would call for 2 Captains, 3 Lieutenants and 9 Sergeants; contractual pay increases to become effective April 1, 2014. The Chief of Police and Municipal Clerk will attend the interviews as non-elected officials. The interviews will be tape-recorded with a score sheet as circulated by the Chief.

Councilman Stylianou said that originally the Chief had requested one Captain, 4 Lieutenants and 9 Sergeants. He called John Shahdanian, Labor Counsel and asked if there is any liability they should worry about if there is one Captain and four Lieutenants. Mr. Shahdanian said that off the top of his head the answer would be no. Council members Carrick and Stylianou do not agree with the numbers-2 Captains and 3 Lieutenants.

Councilman Hayes left the meeting at approximately 10:30PM after telling the Mayor, Borough Attorney and Municipal Clerk what his vote would be on Resolutions #190 and #191.

Motion to adopt: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Hayes (proxy vote), Riquelme, Zamechansky-yes

Council members Carrick and Stylianou-no Councilman Stylianou said, for the record, that he's happy with 1 Captain, 4 Lieutenants and 9 Sergeants.

Resolution #13-191 Approval of Contract for Chief Faulborn

Motion to adopt: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Stylianou

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Hayes (proxy vote)-no For the record, he questioned the wording.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Carrick

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk